

**Indiana State Department of Health
Injury Prevention Advisory Council
Minutes
September 9, 2004**

I. Core Capacity and Surveillance Grant

- A. Site Visit. Sharon Martin, CDC Injury Project Officer, attended the meeting and commented on the level of activity, collaborations, and community.
- B. Violence Integration Supplement. Sandra Beck discussed the addition of homicide / suicide mortality data to the injury data for 2004. CDC has selected 2003 for data on deaths. Hospital Discharge data was used; death certificates come from Vital Records at ISDH. Another source of data was a Victims' group that compensates those suffering as a result of violent crime. Major counties, both north and south, can provide data. A public health investigator can track down additional data, and media reports are available from the Office of Public Affairs. Report goes to CDC in 2005.

Dr. O'Neil asked about Police Departments in major cities as a source of data; however, case reports are not public record without a court order. Donna Moore reported that the FBI collects data from states. Progress reports on collection of data will be sent to the group.

- C. Donna Moore, newly contracted to assist the Injury Program as a violence prevention speaker, gave a thought-provoking presentation about violence as a "learned behavior. Her project is called "VIP," Violence is Preventable." Donna worked with the Sheriff's Department for 16 years. She has discovered the leading cause of death in pregnant women is domestic violence. Victims of violence are unable to talk about it, and often deny incidents occurred, for fear of retaliation. Drugs or alcohol are often used to mask the pain of the violence. Violence affects learning, development of self-esteem, and there appears to be a chemical difference in those who have suffered abuse.

II. Progress on Data Reports

- A. Injuries in Indiana Report is in the final stages with the addition of data provided by the MMWR, 9/3/04, Vol. 53 / No. SS-7 as the last piece.
 - Intentional injuries are included
 - Summary chart will be included
 - Selected injuries which are leading causes of injury
 - Data will be used to develop the Strategic Plan.
- B. Fireworks Injury Report for 2003-4
 - Eye injuries have increased

- Reported numbers of injuries went down due to televised interviews and report published last year.
- State Legislature will receive report at the end of 2004 and hopefully will continue recommending the reporting of injuries due to fireworks.
- Spencer Grover suggested adding a tax to the sale of fireworks to offset cost of injuries.
- Dr. Oneil's group will recommend steps to reduce injuries to children.

III. Updates from STIPDA Conference – Sandra Beck and Dr. Graves attended in Utah. Wisconsin, Utah, and Oregon presented Injury statistics. E-coding of injuries is being done to identify how injury occurred. New funding will be available and ISDH will apply for it.

IV. Trauma System Development/Task Force

- 4 committees organized
- Draft strategic plan is due next year
- A Trauma System Manager is being sought for a period of one year; clinical experience is necessary.

V. Announcements

A. Reports from Council Members in attendance:

- Donna Myers of MCH reported on an injury report in a child care setting where victim needs professional care, will be reported
- Karen Stroup met with Peggy Welch, State Representative, regarding bicycle helmets. She is attempting to acquire funding for distribution to communities with data-driven initiatives, such as fire alarms to a neighborhood with high numbers of residential fires; or child safety products could be a focus.
- Mike Burns has been giving talks on child safety and distributing DNA kits
- Serifatu Walton felt the Injury Report would help to find populations at risk, and provide intervention.
- Dawn Daniels' group will receive all injury data, EMS-run data; a needs assessment is being prepared that addresses nursing shortage. Dawn brought 4 students from University of Indianapolis to the meeting.
- The Youth Violence Meeting is on September 17 at the Marrott.
- Dr. O'Neil commented on the Automotive Safety program regarding the use of "booster seats." He received a grant from Kohl's for safe transportation of children with disabilities. HRSA information on bullying is available.
- Nancy Cobb told the group that blood lead levels in children and adults were to be reported.

- Barbara Cole reported training 128 instructors in 9 counties to teach people to make the right call when it comes to poison. Sandra Beck took training and will be presenting at her child's school.
- Next meeting will be December 9, 2004, 10-12, in Training Rooms 1&2 on the 8th Floor, as usual.